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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on August 3, 2009; December 15, 2008 and December 28, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reasons for Refusal) dated September 15, 2009 that issued with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No.2004-224480, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 10-508736 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family member US 5856667; and
- (2) JP 2000-517427 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family member US 6825455 B1.

The relevance of the documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

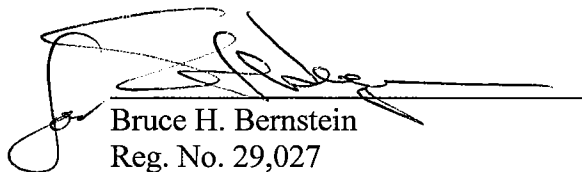
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese Office Action and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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